

the federal government was not prepared. We were caught napping. We got complacent." The Administration, which seems to have no problem attacking American companies they suspect of being a monopoly, refuses to use its current legal arsenal to sanction foreign countries that collude in monopolistic alliances to fleece the American people.

Last year, I requested that Congress look into OPEC's price fixing scheme. And last night, Congress took a small step towards helping American consumers by passing H.R. 3822, which encourages the President to use his current authority to stop OPEC from inflating gas prices. But, I believe we can, indeed we must, do more.

First and foremost we should have included a mechanism in this legislation to penalize countries for gouging our constituents. Secondly, we should have repealed the 4.3 cent gas tax that President Clinton and Vice-President GORE included in their tax increase package of 1993. And finally, we should have examined cost effective ways to increase domestic oil production.

Looking forward, we need to pursue the development of alternative energy sources that will reduce our dependence on foreign oil. To that end, we should support tax credits for people who purchase environmentally friendly, energy efficient solar heating equipment. We should also support funding for research on solar, wind, biofuels, geothermal, and other environmentally friendly alternative forms of energy.

Perhaps we will revisit this matter when our constituents are paying \$2.50 for a gallon of gas. H.R. 3822 is a first step towards resolving the current crisis. But, Congress should have done more. Americans should not have to pay more at the gas pump, or for groceries, or to heat their homes, simply because we did not do enough to stop foreign nations from artificially increasing the price of oil. We've been far too passive for too long.

CONGRATULATING ELDER ANTHONY G. GREEN I, OF SIKESTON, MO, ON HIS RECOGNITION BY THE DAUGHTERS OF SUNSET

HON. JO ANN EMERSON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mrs. EMERSON. Mr. Speaker, on Saturday, March 25, 2000, Elder Anthony G. Green I is being honored by the Sikeston, MO Daughters of Sunset at their 16th Annual Recognition Program. I would like to extend my congratulations to Elder Green who is being recognized on this day for his community involvement.

Elder Green is a graduate of Sikeston High School. He earned an associate degree in engineering from ITT Technical Institute in St. Louis, MO and is currently attending Green Memorial Biblical University and Andersonville Baptist Seminary. Elder Green is currently chief executive officer and pastor of Rhema World Breakthrough International Ministries of Cape Girardeau, MO and is president of the Sikeston Branch of the NAACP. He was also

honored by the Department of Justice National Symposium on Civil Rights in Washington, DC.

Elder Green is the cofounder and editor-in-chief of the African American Informant, Inc. Newspaper of Sikeston, MO. His many community activities include the Neighborhood Improvement Association, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Celebration Co-Coordinator, Citizens Home Mission tutor and mentor, Green Memorial Biblical University Board of Directors, and the Hundred Men Rally Committee speaker and co-coordinator. Elder Green also is a member of various organizations including the NAACP, Justice League, Weed & Seed Steering Committee, Jurisdictional Djutancy Church of God in Christ, and Bootheel Healthy Start.

Elder Green has received training in a number of fields, including Community Development Training Ad Hoc Group Against Crime, Advisory Council Legislation Training, Missouri Division of Family Service—seminar on recognizing child abuse, and Southeast Missouri State University seminars in time management, cultural diversity, and conflict resolution.

Elder Green is married to Vanissa McCauley-Green and is the father of one son, Anthony Green II.

Congratulations, Elder Green, on your recognition by the "Daughters of Sunset." Your lifelong dedication to family and community is truly inspirational.

TRIBUTE TO MICHELLE RAKERS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today I commend a former constituent of mine, Michelle Rakers of Aviston, Illinois. Michelle now plays trumpet for the elite United States Marine Band.

As one of eleven children, Michelle comes from a very musically inclined family where all her siblings played an instrument. Michelle's determination is a testament to her success. Let me explain. She auditioned five times before she was selected as a member of the band. She never took no for an answer. I want to congratulate her for her success and thank her for her determination—we can all learn a lesson from her example.

IN HONOR OF KRISTEN STRYKER

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Kristen Stryker of Canton. Kristen has been named as one of Ohio's top two student volunteers for the year 2000 in the fifth annual Prudential Spirit of Community awards.

Kristen, an eighth grader at Faircrest Middle School, has a vegetable garden in her backyard. The harvest from this garden is donated to needy Native Americans in her area. Kristen's grandmother is 50 percent Native

American and through this Kristen feels a connection to those who share her heritage. When she heard that the nearby Allegheny Indian Center was a beneficiary of the national "Plant a Row for the Hungry" program, Kristen was eager to participate. After planting rows of zucchini, yellow squash and green and purple beans, she worked 1 hour every morning and evening from March through August weeding, watering and mulching the garden. The people who received the vegetables were able to enjoy the health benefits and the Allegheny Indian Center was able to purchase other necessary items with the money saved. Now Kristen hopes to encourage her 4-H club to adopt "Plant a Row for the Hungry" as its countywide service project. "I think this project has helped me become more sensitive to the needs of others," says Kristen.

Kristen was nominated by Stark & Summit Counties Extension 4-H in North Canton, OH for her ingenious service project. As a State honoree she will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion, and an all-expense paid trip in May to Washington DC.

Please join me in honoring Kristen for her outstanding leadership and service in her community.

RECOGNITION OF TERRY WARD AS RECIPIENT OF DISTINGUISHED CAREER INTELLIGENCE MEDAL

HON. BUD SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2000

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an honor for distinguished public service being accorded today to Terry Ward, a former constituent of mine. The Central Intelligence Agency is honoring Mr. Ward for over thirty years of distinguished government service in a wide range of dangerous and sensitive intelligence assignments in Southeast Asia, Europe, and Latin America.

Mr. Ward was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1961. Following ROTC training, Mr. Ward joined the U.S. military and joined the U.S. Embassy staff in Laos. In 1964, Mr. Ward was transferred to the CIA's Western Hemisphere Division. During the next thirty years, Mr. Ward served his country honorably and well in numerous dangerous overseas assignments in Latin America.

In my capacity as a Member of the House Intelligence Committee, I met Terry when he served in Honduras. I saw first-hand how he contributed in significant ways to fighting the efforts of the Sandinista regime in Nicaragua to destabilize its democratic neighbors. Contrary to some new reports, Terry worked hard to ensure that U.S. assistance to the Nicaraguan democratic resistance was closely managed and appropriately directed. Today, Nicaragua is a democratic ally and trading partner of the United States in no small measure to the efforts of Terry and other officers who served in the CIA's clandestine service in Central America during the 1980s.

As some may know, Mr. Ward was one of the subjects of a 1995 CIA Inspector General